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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT

1. ECEVIT HAD SEPARATE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 5
WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN AND TREASURY SECRETARY
BLUMENTHAL, AND PARTICIPATED IN INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION
WITH MEMBERS SFRC AND OTHER SENATORS. AMBASSADOR SPIERS
PARTICIPATED IN EACH MEETING.

2. PRESENT AT MEETING WITH ECEVIT AT CAPITOL WERE
SENATORS SPARKMAN, STONE, SARBANES, JAVITS, MCCLURE,
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DURKIN, DANFORTH, MATSUNAGA, KENNEDY, CHILES, JACKSON,
BELLMAN, PERCY, SCHWEIKER, STAFFORD, ZORINSKY, CHAFEE
AND METZENBAUM. ECEVIT GAVE 15-MINUTE OPENING STATEMENT
AND THEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING TURKISH-SOVIET
RELATIONS, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU,
POSSIBLE FUTURE TURKISH TROOP REDUCTIONS ON CYPRUS, AND
TURKISH INTEREST IN EMBARGO REPEAL.

3. DURING FLIGHT TO NEW YORK ON SPECIAL USAF PLANE, ECEVIT TOLD DEPTOFF THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BY MANNER IN WHICH HIS VISIT TO U.S. HAD GONE. MFA SECRETARY ELEKDAG HOPED THAT MOMENTUM WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED OVER PAST TEN DAYS SHOULD BE SUSTAINED.

ANOTHER TURKISH OFFICIAL SUMMARIZED HIS IMPRESSION OF ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT OF CHANCES FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF EMBARGO REPEAL AS "OPTIMISTIC BUT NOT CONFIDENT." TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH SAW ECEVIT OFF AT KENNEDY AIRPORT AND INDICATED TO DEPTOFF THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER CONTACTS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS FLEXIBILITY AND DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD TOWARD RESUMED CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. VANCE

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